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SUBJ: AJMAL KHATTAK'S OPEN LETTER TO THE AMERICAN CONGRESS

1. SUMMARY: EMBASSY HAS OBTAINED COPY OF LETTER DATED APRIL 7 BY AJMAL KHATTAK TO MEMBERS OF U.S. CONGRESS. LETTER CONTAINS FAMILIAR ALLEGATIONS, BUT SHOWS CERTAIN SENSITIVITY TO CONCERNS OF CONGRESS AND AMERICAN POLITICAL PROCESSES. WE ARE UNAWARE HOW OR EVEN WHETHER LETTERS HAVE ACTUALLY BEEN FORWARDED. END SUMMARY.

2. RUMORS BEGAN IN KABUL DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY WEEK APRIL 26 THAT SELF EXILED PAKISTANI LEADER OF NATIO AL AWAMI PARTY AJMAL KHATTAK HAD WRITTEN OPEN LETTER TO MEMBERS OF UNITED STATES CONGRESS. EMBASSY WAS NOT APPARENTLY ON KHATTAK'S DISTRIBUTION, BUT A COPY WAS EASILY OBTAINED FROM ANOTHER EMBASSY. PERHAPS OF INTEREST IS FACT THAT LETTERHEAD DESCRIBES KHATTAK AS "EX-GENERAL SECRETARY, PAKISTAN NATIONAL AWAMI PARTY" AND "SECRETARY GENERAL, REVOLUTIONARY DEMOCRATIC FRONT, WHEREAS COPY OF FEBRUARY 15 KHATTAK LETTER TO UNSECGEN WALSHEIM INDICATES KHATTAK STILL ACTIVE AS NAP SEC GEN (OR SO CONSIDERED HIMSELF).

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3. LATEST KHATTAK SCREED IS EIGHT AND A HALF SINGLE SPACED
LEGAL SIZED PAGES. IT CONTAINS LONG FAMILIAR ALLEGATIONS OF
PAKISTANI CRIMES AGAINST PEOPLE OF BALUCHISTAN AND PUSHTUN-
ISTAN AND QUESTIONS SEVERELY U.S. DECISION TO ALLOW FURTHER
ARMS SHIPMENTS TO PAKISTAN. APPEAL IS TO HUMANE INSTINCTS OF
MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AS WELL AS TO IDEA THAT SHOULD TRUE FACTS
OF PAKISTANI SITUATION BECOME KNOWN TO U.S. VOTERS THEY
WOULD BE SHOCKED AT U.S. ARMS DECISION. LETTER AT ONE POINT
STATES "WE DO NOT CLAIM THE RIGHT TO PRONOUNCE NEGATIVE
JUDGMENTS OF THE DECISIONS OF THE BIG POWERS, WHOSE EVERY
MOVE IS PREGNANT WITH FAR-REACHING CONSEQUENCES FOR THE FUTURE
OF MANKING. BUT WE ALSO CANNOT BE FORCED TO ACCEPT THE LOGIC

THAT THE SUPPLY OF ARMS TO BHUTTO IS AN ACT DICTATED BY THE
REQUIREMENTS OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND DETENTE."

4. IN PORTION OF LETTER PARTICULARLY ADDRESSED TO "LEADERS,
INTELLECTUALS AND VOTERS OF THE UNITED STATES" KHATTAK
CLAIMS FULL LEGITIMACY FOR NATIONAL AWAMI PARTY, DESCRIBING
IT AS "A NATIONAL POLITICAL PARTY COMMITTED TO A UNITED AND
FEDERAL PAKISTAN." SPEAKING OF BHUTTO IN TERMS OF RIVAL
POLITICIAN LETTER STATES "BEFORE HE EMBARKED ON HIS LATEST
TRIP TO YOUR COUNTRY HIS POSITION WITHIN PAKISTAN HAD BECOME
VERY WEAK AND HE HAD, PERFORCE, SHOWN INCLINATION FOR NEGOT-
IATIONS WITH THE OPPOSITION PARTIES. BUT THE MOMENT HE SECURED
YOUR DECISION TO LIFT THE ARMS EMBARGO HE DRAMATICALLY CHANGES
HIS ATTITUDES AND TOOK AN ABSOLUTELY CONTRARY PATH."

5. EMBASSY DOES NOT KNOW BY WHAT MEANS (OR EVEN WHETHER)
LETTER MAY HAVE BEEN TRANSMITTED TO WASHINGTON AND INDIVIDUAL
MEMBERS OF CONGRESS. IT DOES APPEAR HOWEVER THAT KHATTAK IS
COMING INCREASINGLY UNDER AFGHAN GOVERNMENT SPONSORSHIP
(AT HIS AIRPORT APPEARANCE APRIL 26 TO BID FAREWELL TO
PRESIDENT DAOUD, ENROUTE TO IRAN, KHATTAK HAD TWO CARLOADS
OF MILITARY GUARDS), AND WE WOULD NOT RULE OUT POSSIBILITY
LETTER WILL SURFACE FROM AFGHAN EMBASSY (SEE ALSO KABUL 2321
RE GOA-KHATTAK RELATIONS.)

6. COPY OF KHATTAK LETTER POUCHES ADDRESSEES.

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